

Information for Potential Members on the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resources Science (ACCCNRS)

The Department of the Interior is convening a Federal Advisory Committee to provide input and guidance on the establishment and operations of the USGS National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center and DOI Climate Science Centers (CSC). NCCWSC and the CSCs have been established with a strong partnership orientation; the ACCCNRS will bring together representatives from key organizations and stakeholder communities to

1. Advise on the contents of a national strategy identifying key science priorities to advance the management of natural resources in the face of climate change.
2. Advise on the nature, extent, and quality of relations with and engagement of key partners at the regional/CSC level.
3. Advise on the nature and effectiveness of mechanisms to ensure the identification of key priorities from management partners and to effectively deliver scientific results in useful forms.
4. Advise on mechanisms that may be employed by the NCCWSC to ensure high standards of scientific quality and integrity in its products, and to review and evaluate the performance of individual CSCs, in advance of opportunities to re-establish expiring agreements with universities for the hosting of CSCs.
5. Coordinate as appropriate with any Federal Advisory Committee established for the DOI Landscape Conservation Cooperatives.

The Committee will have approximately twenty-five members from federal, state, tribal, nongovernmental, academic and private sectors. The Committee will likely be established in early 2013, and will meet 2-4 times annually.

The Department is seeking members with strong involvement in natural and cultural resource management, climate impacts and evaluation, and design of adaptation strategies for natural and cultural resources affected by climate change. Members will primarily be selected from organizations / agencies involved in such activities; individual members will be considered if they have substantial land/resource management involvement (e.g. farmers ranchers). The ACCCNRS charter also envisions a “science subcommittee” but this subcommittee will not be established until after ACCCNRS meets.

Seeking Member Nominations: A Federal Register notice was published on October 4 , announcing the intent to establish the committee and inviting nominations for membership. Nominations for membership will be open until November 19, 2012. An initial meeting is expected in early 2013.

Nominations for membership on ACCCNRS:

- Should describe and document the proposed member’s qualifications for membership to the Committee, and include contact information (especially email).
- Must be received by November 19, 2012.
- Should be sent to Robin O’Malley, Policy and Partnership Coordinator, National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 400, Reston, VA 20192, romalley@usgs.gov .